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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application. Applicants request a two month extension or until April 20, 2003, to respond to the Final Office Action dated November 20, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (with an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action) is being filed concurrently herewith. Our check in the amount of \$1160.00 is attached to cover the RCE fee and the two month extension of time fee.

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